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| In re Patent Application of   | ) | <b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b> |
| Jean-Christophe LEROUX et al. | ) |                            |
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| For: COMPOSITION WITH GELLING | ) | Confirmation No.: 1768     |
| PROPERTIES FOR THE            | ) |                            |
| SUSTAINED DELIVERY OF         | ) |                            |
| BIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES          | ) |                            |

**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed January 11, 2005, please  
first amend the subject application as follows: